

## 5 Basic Fencing Designs: What's Ideal for Your Fencing Purposes?

Fences are installed for a variety of purposes—to provide privacy, to define a boundary, to block out noise or an unsightly view, to keep something in, and for many other reasons. Before you contact [fencing contractors Hobart](#) for your fencing needs, it might help to be already familiar with some of the basic and most popular fencing designs you can consider depending on your purpose for fencing. Here are 5 basic fencing designs along with their descriptions, as well as information on their best use.

### Paling Fence

The paling fence is one of the most popular fence types. Paling fences consist of vertical timber palings usually made of treated pine or hardwood, supported by horizontal rails anchored on timber posts. The standard type is composed of a single layer of palings that are either butted closely together for privacy or spaced apart for better ventilation. The lapped type involves a double layer of palings that overlap each other to close out intervals between palings, and is the best choice for noise reduction purposes.

### Picket Fence

Picket fencing is a popular feature in suburbia homes, most commonly used to define boundaries between front lawns and the open street without blocking out the visual flow of the neighborhood. Pickets are shorter in height than standard palings, usually not exceeding 4 feet. Their tops are also usually shaped into designed cuts, from the popular dog-ear and paddle-pop styles to the more complicated fleur-de-lis styles.

### Lattice Fence

A fence may feature a lattice style from top to bottom, or may have this design as an interesting twist above standard paling fences. Because they grant a more open feel, lattice fences are usually installed more for decorative purposes than for privacy. They are ideal for keeping children and animals inside a property without disrupting the open feel of a yard, and they'll also work great as garden fences where climbing plants and vines can flourish.

### Heritage Fence

[Heritage fencing](#) is ideal for boosting the authentic legacy of traditional homes, as well as inspiring a vintage feel be it for villas, cottages, or bungalows. Fencing contractors can usually

recreate original fences based on old photographs, or work with you to establish a modern twist on a heritage design depending on your specifications.

#### Screen Fence

Screen fences are typically constructed using horizontal slats made of hardwood or treated pine, supported by vertical posts made of either timber or galvanized steel for better fence stability and strength. This fencing design is ideal for defining boundaries and providing security without cutting light, and is also great for concealing unattractive areas such as large water tanks and garden waste.

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